# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1586
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PROTECTION OF UNDISCLOSED INFORMATION
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a Committee to consider the steps to be taken by the Government in the context of the provisions of Article 39.3 of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for the protection of undisclosed information in respect of agro- chemicals and Pharmaceuticals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the protection of undisclosed information?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE) :

(a) and (b) An Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is looking into the steps to be taken by the Government in the context of the provisions of Article 39.3 of the TRIPS Agreement for the protection of undisclosed information in respect of agrochemicals and Pharmaceuticals. The Committee has heard the views of most of the stakeholders. However, because of divergent views, no final decision has been taken by the Committee.

(c) In view of reply to part

(a) and (b) above, does not arise.